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SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM

REF: A. PARIS 28139; B. BANGKOK 21086

1. A VIETNAMESE WOMAN WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM SAIGON HAS INFORMED UPI'S ALAN DAWSON THAT THE INDICATION THERE IS THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE INTEND TO BEGIN MOVING ALL REMAINING AMERICANS OUT OF SAIGON ON THE FRENCH FLIGHTS, TO START IN NOVEMBER AND CONCLUDE BY CHRISTMAS. WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR EVALUATING THE REPORT, BUT DAWSON CONSIDERED IT SUFFICIENTLY RESPONSIBLE TO USE AS THE BASIS FOR A DISPATCH. THE SAME SOURCE TOLD HIM THAT THE RED CROSS OFFICE IN SAIGON HAS HAD TO CURTAIL SERIOUSLY ITS OPERATIONS, PROBABLY DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS.

2. ICRC BANGKOK REPRESENTATIVE PERES ADMITS THAT HE IS UNAWARE WHETHER GENEVA HAS SUCCEEDED RECENTLY IN TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO ITS SAIGON OFFICE. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE ICRC'S

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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS IS TRAVELLING TO HANOI TO FOLLOW

UP STRONG REPRESENTATIONS "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL" TO THE
DRV/PRG TO MAKE A DECISION ONCE AND FOR ALL WHETHER OR
NOT THEY WANT THE SAIGON OFFICE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS.
ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNAWARE HERE OF RANGE OF RED CROSS
PROBLEMS IN SAIGON, ONE IS THAT BANGKOK OFFICE HAS NOW HAD ITS
POUCH TO SAIGON REDUCED TO ONE A MONTH, WHICH IS
BARELY ADEQUATE FOR ITS NEEDS.

3. A CANADIAN PRIEST, FATHER HENRI FORREST, DEPARTED
SAIGON OCTOBER 30. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED TO US AS
AN AMERICAN, WHICH EMBASSY REPORTED IN REF B.
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